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MONDAY, Feb. 23.

The Senate transacted no business to-day.
The House did not sit.

TUESDAY, Feb. 24.

IN SENATE. Mr. J. M. Clayton gave notice that he should to-morrow call up the bill for adjusting the French claims.

Mr. Dickinson, of New York, at one o'clock, took the floor and spoke on the Oregon question, claiming all of Oregon and opposing the plan of negotiation with Great Britain about Oregon, in order to afford her an opportunity to set up a claim to our soil. He saw nothing in the late news that should induce us to alter our course as to Oregon. The Queen's speech was peaceful, only calling for a little more military preparation.

As to the McLeod case, he said that, to be sure, McLeod, was acquitted; but then he was defended by the United States. It had been stated in the other House (by Mr. C. J. Ingersoll) that the government paid the counsel a fee of \$5000 on the occasion—a fact which was before unknown.

Mr. Webster here remarked, "It is false who ever asserts it!"

Mr. Dickinson said he was very happy to hear it; and went on to speak of participation of the general government in that matter, and appealed to Mr. Webster to confirm or deny his statement.

Mr. Webster said he would not interrupt the honorable senator now, but he would ask him upon what authority he made the statements.

Mr. D. said he did not wish to misrepresent the honorable gentleman, and he then yielded the floor to go into executive session. After being so engaged for nearly an hour the Senate adjourned.

IN HOUSE. The House went into Committee of the whole on the River and Harbor Bill, and after a long debate the Committee rose, and shortly after adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 25.

IN SENATE. The Senate was engaged (for an hour or more) in debating a bill for the construction of a ship canal around the *Sault de St. Marie*. This was passed over on the motion of Mr. Breese, to give Mr. Dickinson an opportunity to go on with his speech upon the Oregon question.

Mr. Dickinson recommenced his remarks with a reference to the statement of Mr. Ingersoll, in the House, concerning the payment of a fee by the administration to the counsel which defended McLeod. He said that he believed that this charge was not supported by the facts; but he read a letter from the Secretary of State to Mr. Spencer, United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, in which he was charged to see that the prisoner was furnished with able and eminent counsel for his defence, &c.

Mr. Dickinson closed at two o'clock, and then Mr. Dayton rose, and moved that this question be postponed until two weeks from next Monday. He observed, in support of this motion, that there were some sixty bills which had been passed by the other House, and were awaiting the action of the Senate. The character of the late news, so decidedly pacific, had also its influence upon his mind in determining him from any desire to hurry on this thing to a conclusion.

Mr. Allen gave his views upon the character of the news at length. He thought the professions of British ministers in parliament were not to be taken as affording any indications of the intentions of the British government. It was not the habit of that government to inform its opponents of its hostile intentions. He looked upon what was called the pacific tone of the British newspapers in nearly the same light. If any consequence at all was to be attached to those demonstrations, they were to be construed to mean exactly the reverse of what they seemed.

The feature of this news was the revival in more authoritative shape of that project, first broached in a Paris journal, and now caught up and enforced by the principal papers of London, of setting a European prince over the people of Mexico. He was opposed to any such distant postponement as this. It would look like covering before the power of England, and would have a bad moral effect upon the People of this country.

Mr. Cass said he did not rise to make a war speech. He should not utter the word "inevitable" while he was up. As to the news from Europe, he must say this, that it seemed to him that one of the effects of steam power was that the affairs of nations were made to vibrate with the arrival and departure of mail steam ships. Why should our deliberations waver hither and thither with the receipt of news?

The result of the debate was that the Senate refused to postpone and went into executive session.

IN HOUSE. Mr. T. B. King reported from the Naval Committee, a bill for the re-organization of the Navy Department, which was read twice and ordered to be printed.

The committee of the whole was then formed, and the harbor and river appropriation bill taken up. The pending question was on the amendment proposing the appropriation of \$250,000 for a canal around the Muscle Shoals of Tennessee river. Mr. Payne of Alabama made a speech against the whole bill.

He was followed by Mr. Brinkerhoff of Ohio, who was understood to defend it. The committee then rose, and on motion of Mr. Brodhead of Pa., the House passed a joint resolution conferring upon the Secretary of State authority to send to the French government a number of books in return for a certain number presented by it to our own. The House then adjourned.

THURSDAY, Feb. 26.

IN SENATE. The Oregon question was taken up.

The following is Mr. Colquitt's proposition for the amendment of the Joint Resolution for terminating the Joint Convention. It provides: "That notice be given, in terms of the treaty for abrogating the Convention made between Great Britain and the United States on the 20th October, 1819, and continued by the Convention of 1827, immediately after the close of the present session of Congress, unless the President, in his discretion, shall consider it expedient to defer it to a later period."

Sec. 2d. And be it further enacted, That it is earnestly desired that the long-standing controversy respecting limits in the Oregon territory, be speedily settled by negotiation and compromise, in order to tranquilize the public mind, and to preserve the friendly relations of the two countries.

Mr. Webster, after alluding to the importance of an expression of opinion on this subject, by the Senate, in reference to the interests of the business community, which were suffering by the state of suspense, inquired whether the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. Crittenden) had determined to accept the propositions of the Senator from Georgia, (Mr. Colquitt.)

Mr. Crittenden had determined, he said, to accept the first one; and he would accept the other with some qualifications. But he would enable the Senator from Georgia to offer his entire proposition. He did not deem it important whether we acted immediately or not. There was a great desire that action should take place, to-day, in order that the result may be transmitted by the steamer, but he did not see its importance.

Mr. Webster did not differ a hair's breadth in opinion from the Senator from Kentucky, as to the propriety of the course that he proposed. He (Mr. W.) should vote for both of the propositions of the Senator from Georgia. He went on to say that the exercise of the treaty right to give the notice was not just cause of offence, but the circumstances attending it were to be considered.

Mr. Breese, Mr. Hannegan, and Mr. Allen, opposed the amendment of Mr. Colquitt.

Mr. Breese, declared that he did not wish the President to negotiate any further.

He wished the notice to be given and the measures proposed by the President to be passed.

At the end of the year, we would see whether we had the nerve to maintain our rights.

Mr. Allen, in the course of the debate, asserted that the President's views and determination to assert our title to the whole territory up to 54° 40' had undergone no variation.

Mr. Calhoun said it was now evident if not before, that the point in controversy was, whether this question should be settled by arms, or by negotiation and compromise.

It was not the most important question that had ever been brought before the American people since the Revolution. He dwelt on the importance of an early expression of the opinion of the Senate upon it.

Mr. Cass said the resolutions could not take any thing from the constitutional power of the President. What should we think if the British Parliament should propose a compromise?

What right have we to suppose that the British government would heed their invitation; and if they did, would they ever agree to compromise on the 49th? Did any one believe that they would? On the other hand, he had never heard the first American say he would yield an inch South of 49.

The resolution might as well come from the City Council of Washington. It would do no good either in a commercial or political point of view.

As to the expressions of Sir R. Peel the Queen's speech, and even the remark at the close of Mr. Buchanan's correspondence, they meant nothing but "may you live a thousand years."

Sir R. Peel's language was the most peculiar and extraordinary specimen of diplomacy he ever met with. If Sir R. Peel was sincere in his expression, he was bound to recall Mr. Pakenham. He had anticipated difficulty when he saw the President's Message. His fear had increased.

Unless Great Britain should make a more liberal offer than she has done, the difficulty would never be settled. He, as a 54th part of the Senate would stand between it and the President. Mr. Breese moved an adjournment. The Senate adjourned to Monday.

FRIDAY, Feb. 27.

The Senate having adjourned from Thursday to Monday, the House of Representatives was alone in session on Friday. The business, however, was confined to the private calendar, many bills on which were disposed of. An attempt was made to take up the report of the Committee of Elections in the case from New Jersey, but it was unsuccessful.

By Mr. Sewell: The petition of P. R. Hazeltine and 54 others, ship owners, masters, and citizens of Belfast, State of Maine, asking Congress to purchase the monument located in Belfast Bay, and now owned by Otha Abbott, Esq., for the use of the government, referred to the Committee on Commerce.

McCrater presented the petition of William McLeon and 68 others, asking for an appropriation to buoy out Muscle Ridge channel in the State of Maine, which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Dunlap: The petition of John McCurdy and 51 other citizens of Washington, Guernsey county, Ohio, asking an appropriation for the erection of a wire suspension bridge over the Ohio river at Wheeling, Va.

SATURDAY, Feb. 28.

The Senate did not sit.

IN HOUSE. Personal explanations were made by Messrs. Lewis of S. C., and Westworth of Illinois, in respect to remarks made by them yesterday, relative to the bill for the relief of Orris Cosby.

The House then took up the private calendar. Nothing of the slightest general importance was done.

A post office has been established at Argyle, Pennsylvania County, and G. J. Newton appointed Post-master, which office will be opened the first of April next.

Sir Robert Peel being in the neighborhood of Ipswich, on a visit, the people flocked to the church on Sunday expecting to hear the "Prime Minister."

A printer's money, says the Alton Union, may commonly be found securely stowed away in his subscriber's pockets.

"OUR NEXT CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR."

The Bath Inquirer of the 4th instant contains a very just and sensible article under the above caption. The time is fast drawing near, when the democratic party will be called upon to make a selection of some one of its numerous distinguished members, as its candidate for the office of Governor at the ensuing election. It is therefore, highly proper that the subject should, at this time, be brought to the consideration of the party, in order that the matter may be freely canvassed, and by an interchange of views before hand, a degree of unanimity insured to the deliberations of the convention, when holden, auspicious of the triumphant success of the nominee. The Inquirer says:

A gubernatorial candidate, to secure the confidence of the people (which is the basis of true popularity) must in the first place be an honest man, and an honest politician. His private character must be unsullied, and his political reputation above reproach, or even suspicion. He must be one who has never been connected with any of the numerous and contemptible factions of small politicians, which infest almost every county. But one, on the contrary, who has ever pursued a straight forward, high minded and honorable political course, never in the slightest deviating from the path of political rectitude, or prostituting his influence to accomplish base or unworthy objects.

In the second place, he must be a man of intellect and intelligence. The duties pertaining to the governor's office, are high and responsible, and its incumbent should be a man who would give it dignity and character. We hope the time is past, if indeed it ever existed, when the gubernatorial chair will be sought simply to do honor, or to the man who is to occupy it, or the clique which supports him. Such a thing is in the highest degree degrading to the reputation of the state at home, and to its character abroad.

A right discharge of the duties pertaining to the office, absolutely requires the exercise of rare abilities, and the man who is required to perform them, should possess the necessary resources to enable him to discharge them with credit to himself, and honor to his constituency.

A man of the character and qualifications we have indicated, would be popular with the people and would command their cordial and hearty support. We trust therefore, that the convention which is to nominate a democratic candidate for governor, will be influenced in its action by no narrow or selfish considerations, nor feelings of sectional pride, nor false views of political expediency; but will, on the contrary, duly appreciate the importance of the work reposed in it, and discharge its duties with a single eye to the public good.

It will be readily inferred, from what we have said, that we discard the notion that any man has a claim to the nomination, or that any particular locality should be consulted more than another in making the selection of a candidate.

The office belongs to the people of the State, and it matters not where the candidate for it resides, provided he is in every respect qualified to discharge its duties.

THE TARIFF.

Now that the debate on the Oregon resolutions has terminated in the House, we look with confidence to that body for an immediate and careful consideration of the important subjects relating to our internal and domestic interests. Nearly three months of the session have already passed away, and it is high time that our Representatives should take hold of these questions in good earnest.

The revision of the Tariff will now command, as it eminently deserves, a prominent place in the deliberations of Congress. The new Bill, which the Secretary of the Treasury has been preparing with much care, has been presented to the Committee of ways and means, and will soon be introduced into the House. It is understood that the bill abolishes minimums and specific duties, and adopts the *ad valorem* principle throughout. This is precisely what sound policy requires; and what the democracy of the country expect.

The object of levying duties on imports should be to create a revenue adequate to defray the expenses of the government economically administered. In the application of this principle, discriminations may well be made, but with a view to raise revenue, and not to afford a bounty to any particular interest. The President in his recent message, very justly remarks that "the government in theory, knows no distinction of persons or classes, and should not bestow upon some, favors and privileges, which all others may not enjoy." Whatever protection may accrue in adjusting the scale of duties, should be extended so far as practicable, to every branch of industry, favoring none to the exclusion of the rest. This is the doctrine of the Administration, and commands itself most favorably to the friends of impartial rights among all parties.

The Tariff of '42, is based upon a different principle. It bestows favors to some at the expense of others, and imposes burdens upon those who are the least able to bear them. Its discriminations are in favor of capital instead of industry, building up the wealthy manufacturer at the expense of the producer. The aid given to capital is direct and positive, while that which accrues to labor is incidental, and in fact dependant upon the stimulus which is given to capital. The maxim upon which it is based, and the arguments by which it is defended are in substance, "let the government take care of the rich, and the rich will take care of the poor." In other words, let the government foster the manufacturing interests, to enable them to develop the resources and increase the wealth of the country, and by this process, the laborer will find abundance of employment, and an ample and sure return for the equivalent which he renders. This has been the doctrine of British protection, which is now shaken to its centre, and its fruits are now seen in the wretched and restless state of British subjects. The same doctrine has its advocates and worshippers this side of the Atlantic, and if pursued with the same tenacity and to the same extent by this government, would measurably cripple the energies of our population, and reduce the condition of the day laborer to that of a mere serf.

But we have no fears of such a result in this country. "The accursed has departed from Judah." The old maxims and policy of the restrictive system are fast giving way, to the more liberal and impartial spirit of the age. The lordly, overgrown capitalist who has been pampered by them, will continue to cling to them "with hooks of steel." The pensioned Senator will continue to make high sounding speeches, in and out of Congress, in favor of "protection to American industry." The press, whose existence depends upon the nod and caprice of those who slaves they are, will continue to scatter their delusions, and disseminate the spacious arguments of exploded theories. But all these will not be able to resist the progress of free inquiry and liberal principles. The doctrine of free trade is fast gaining the ascendancy in the old as well as the new world. At first the progress was slow and almost imperceptible. But in the language of Macaulay, "time advances, facts accumulate, doubts arise. Faint glimpses of truth begin to appear, and shine more and more unto the perfect day. The highest intellects, like the tops of mountains, are the first to catch and reflect the dawn. They are bright, while the level below is still in darkness. But soon the light, which at first illuminated only the loftiest eminences, descends on the plain, and penetrates to the deepest valley. First comes lightning, then fragments of systems, then defective systems, then complete and harmonious systems. The sound opinion, held for a time by one bold speculator, becomes the opinion of a small minority, of a strong minority, of majority, of mankind." [Eastern Argus.]

OXFORD DEMOCRAT.

PARIS, MARCH 10, 1846.

We publish the following communication by particular request of the writer, who thinks that injustice was done Mr. Lawton by the article over the signature of "Sententia," published in the last number of the Democrat. We did not hear Mr. Lawton's Lecture, and cannot judge whether "Sententia" done him injustice or not; but the article was from the pen of one who did hear Mr. Lawton, and one to whom, from the circumstances, we should be unwilling to ascribe selfish motives or biased opinions, but on the contrary, we believe the best of motives governed him in offering his strictures to the public. He is one that can defend himself, and maintain his positions, or we mistake his metal.

The allusions, in the article below, we are sorry to see. They are in bad taste, and worse temper. The writer has our esteem and good wishes, but we candidly confess that we never knew a good cause promoted and benefitted permanently by the use of such means. He has too heavy a charge of shot in proportion to his powder, and in his excitement, has discharged his piece, at "half-cock," without care or caution whether it hit friend or foe, or burst and kicked himself over.

We are willing to admit anonymous articles into our columns, when written in the spirit and couched in the language that one honorable man would be willing to use to or in the hearing of another; but, from obvious reasons, shall hereafter adopt it as a rule to be carried out literally, to insert no article, of the character of the annexed, unless the name of the writer is appended thereto. To this, we believe no honorable, high-minded, individual will object. If their peculiar views and sentiments shall then meet the approbation of the reading public, they will receive the reward. If, on the contrary, they do not find favor, the public will attribute them to the right source.

For the Democrat.

FRIEND MILLER.—Dear Sir:—I notice in the last paper a communication signed "Sententia," containing some critical remarks in reference to the Temperance Meeting recently holden in this place. As a friend to truth and justice I must beg leave to say, that the general sentiment of that communication does not reflect the true opinion of the audience present on that occasion, either in relation to the speaker, Mr. Lawton, or to the Temperance Cause in general. The spirit of the article has too much of the "Good Lord" "Good Devil" policy in it. It looks suspicious, to say the least, to see a critic justify the end, and find fault with the means, simply the manner of attaining it.

"Sententia" says that a large portion of Mr. Lawton's Address was made up of "low anecdotes," "low invectives," and "vile epithets." All this is said. Such a scorching rebuke, if deserved, ought to come from a source of great purity and dignity, and I presume it did; and not from an individual who is simply able to utter words of "learned length and thundering sound." But let us compare some things with some things, and see if some things may not be as objectionable as others. Was it "low invective" for the speaker to allude to the Fable of the Ass dancing among the chickens and singing out for "every one to take care of himself?" Or was it a "vile epithet," a "low invective," for him to allude to the chicken that had been hatched with two sets of feet—the one set decreed one way and the other in an opposite direction. Men's opinions differ on such matters, it is true, but I suppose there were but few present at the meeting who would pronounce such allusions "vile invectives," "low epithets," and the like. And I apprehend that there may be things far more objectionable than such "vile epithets." For my own part I should much rather be accused, by certain critics, of using "low anecdotes," and even "vile epithets," in any case, than to be accused of uttering and delivering and delivering in public an Address on Education, or any other subject, as my own, which had been written and previously delivered by another. There is no accounting for taste, but really, I should much rather be accused of using "low anecdotes," &c., than to be accused of palming off as my own, upon an audience, a Poem which had been written by another, and published months before. Now men's judgments differ in these matters, and I am not disposed to quarrel with "Sententia" because he might prefer the latter to the former course; for he should not be blamed for an honest difference of opinion.

But, sir, permit me to remark at the hazard of using a "low anecdote" or a "vile epithet," that the critic who would aspire to so high an eminence in literary fame as to commit a literary larceny, is in danger of finding himself in the condition of the Ass in the Fable of the "Ass and Lion's Skin." The Ass, although clothed in the Lion's skin, was known by his braying, but more particularly by his "long ears."—Is it not possible that certain critics may be discovered by the same mark? But, sir, discovered or not, I leave it to you to say, as you have recently had some experience in these things, which is the worse man, or the baser hypocrite, he who uses "vile anecdotes," "low epithets," and "low invectives," or he who flics another's literary productions and passes them for his own. "Vile epithets" are bad, wretched, whether they are made or imagined.

Is he who makes his meal on others with
Tis changed, no doubt, from what it was before,
His rank digestion makes it wit no more;
We proved thus him no longer is the same,
For food digested takes another name.

In relation to Washingtonians having changed their position, it is a mistake. They all hold to the doctrine of Moral Sensation for the men who drink ardent spirit. They always have, and do so now. They have not nor do they now attempt a Temperance Reformation among these men in any other way. So the paragraph that asserts this to be the case, is erroneous. This critic has a "gun that shoots all around the tree." Hear him. "Then, they did not assail the business of the retailer although it was then and is now a nefarious business." "Nefarious business," that's a bonied and not a "vile" epithet. Nefarious, means "wicked," "abominable," "infamous." Strange how words change from "vile" to virtuous by coming from different mouths. I assert that Mr. Lawton used no term in his Lecture so repugnant or offensive as this during the day he was here.

BRUTAL FIGHT—ANOTHER VICTIM.

A duel was fought, about two weeks since, in Richmond, Va., between John H. Pleasants, Editor of the Richmond Star, and Thomas Ritchie, Jr., Editor of the Richmond Enquirer, which resulted in the death of the former.

We find the following history of the brutal fight in our exchange papers. It appears that the quarrel began or had its origin in newspaper squibs, and had gone to such an extent that Mr. Pleasants thought it time to bring the matter to a crisis. He therefore sent a request to Mr. Ritchie to meet him at a specified place and hour across the river from Richmond with side arms. Mr. Ritchie sent word back that he could not consent to settle the matter in that way. Mr. Pleasants then sent him word that the matter must be settled, and in that way.

Mr. Ritchie then prepared himself with a revolver of six barrels, two duelling pistols, and a horseman's short sword, and repaired to the place designated, at the time named.

Mr. Pleasants, who had not arrived, wore two (or four—there is doubt about this) common pistols and a sword-cane. A friend of Mr. Pleasants approached Mr. Ritchie, and said to him, that he thought the difficulty might be settled if the latter would do one thing, and that was, to acknowledge that he believed Mr. Pleasants to be a brave man. Mr. Ritchie replied that once he could have done this; but now, Mr. Pleasants having called him there, and not having appeared himself, he could not make such an acknowledgment. Mr. Pleasants' friend then informed him that he presumed he would have to fight. Mr. Ritchie replied, very well, he had come there to meet Mr. Pleasants. The friend of the latter left the spot and went to his principal, who was not far off. Soon after this, Mr. Pleasants appeared approaching Mr. Ritchie, considerably in advance of the two friends who had accompanied him to the spot. As he approached at a rapid pace, Mr. Ritchie fired successively his two duelling pistols, resting each on his left arm, drawn up in an angle for that purpose. He then presented his revolver, and fired either four or five of its barrels. After he had fired first upon Mr. Pleasants, the latter drew and fired three without effect, all the time rushing up to Mr. Ritchie, and when near enough he struck him with his sword cane, when the scabbard flew off, and Mr. Ritchie struck upon the blade or spear with his short sword—in doing which he received the point of Mr. Pleasants' spear in the corner of his mouth, cutting upwards a slight gash.

Mr. Pleasants then fell, having received five wounds from the pistol shots of his antagonist, if not one from his short sword. One ball raked across the back of his left hand, carrying away all the muscles and tendons leading to the fingers; another passed through the fleshy part of his left arm, half way up from the elbow to the shoulder; another entered the left breast and ranged round under the arm; a fourth entered the left groin and proved mortal. The fifth wound was in the right thigh, either by a ball or thrust from the short sword above alluded to. It is thought to have been from the latter. He lingered a few days and died.

The New York Commercial says, "that two such heathens are evidently unfit to have the management of journals in a Christian land," and we heartily agree with the sentiment.

RECAPITULATED.—A Tent of the Independent Order of Rechabites was opened and organized at Norway Village a week ago last Friday evening, under the name of the *Penitence Tent*, No. 13 of Maine Division.

The origin of the Order may be learned by referring to the 35th chapter of Jeremiah, where it will be seen that the Rechabites were the descendants of Rechab, and were "commanded to drink no wine,"—which command they faithfully obeyed, and received a promise of mercy, and that their posterity should not fail, as a reward for their obedience. The fundamental principle of the Institution is total abstinence from all that intoxicates.

The Norway Tent, we see, have adopted the Aboriginal name of that beautiful sheet of water which lies about a mile west of the Village, as the name of their Tent. Success attend them.

Virtuals and Drills.—Married, in Cayhoga, North, Mr. James Wittles to Miss Mary Jane Drunk.

The Mormons Emigrating.—Some twelve hundred of the Mormons, including the Twelve, the High Council, and all the principal men of the church, and about one hundred females, have already crossed the river, and are on their way to their new homes in the distant West. The plan of emigration is as follows: "The present company is designated as a pioneer corps. It will progress about five hundred miles westward, where it will halt, build up a village, and put in spring crops. Here it will remain until the emigrants who start in the spring come up, when another pioneer company will start for a point about five hundred miles further west, where another village will be built up, and a fall crop put in. In the spring the company remaining behind will move on to this second station, and the pioneers march on five hundred miles further, and repeat the same operations as before."

THE RAIL ROAD.

We are informed, says the Portland Argus, that ground will be broken on our Rail Road to the St. Lawrence, by May next—and also that the Canadians will commence their end of the Road at the same time. The preliminary arrangements are going on with vigor, and every thing "gives signs" of a prosperous issue to the enterprise.

Negotiation. A Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia North American states that at a Cabinet Council held the 25th ult., it was determined to submit another offer to Great Britain on the basis of the 49th degree, "with other conditions of which I am not at present apprised." A proposition to this effect, he says is now on its way to England.

An older than his Father. It is stated that an uxorious lady, living near Berlin, in Prussia, who has only attained the age 103 years, has just contracted a fourth marriage with a youth of 70. But the cream of the joke is, that among the children which the bride brought to her new husband was a boy of 83.

Bennett, of the New York Herald, has obtained a verdict of \$50 from the fellow that attempted to cowhide him lately.

Washington's Birth Day. A correspondent suggests to us that the anniversary of Washington's birth day really falls this year upon the twenty-third instead of the twenty-second. As a kind of proof that his suggestion is correct, he sends us the following paragraph—Richmond Times.

"George Washington was born Feb. 11th 1732, old style. The old style in this Almanac is in column the 11th, which corresponds with the 23d new style. The 22d is generally celebrated for his birth day, and up to 1800 was perfectly correct, 11 days only being allowed between the two styles, but now nearly 12 days may be allowed."

Massachusetts, through her land agents has disposed of one hundred and fifty-two thousand one hundred and forty acres of her public lands in Maine during the year 1845. The quantity of land remaining in Maine, belonging to Massachusetts, is estimated at two millions and five hundred thousand acres.

Another Democratic Senator in Congress has been secured. On the 16th ult. the Legislature of Louisiana, by a majority of 32 votes, chose Solomon U. Downs to be a U. S. Senator for six years from the 4th of March, 1847, to succeed Alexander Barrow, whig. Mr D. is U. S. district attorney.

A new post office has been established at Etna Centre, and Timothy B. Carter Esq., appointed Post Master.

TWO SEA SERPENTS!

There has been an increase in the family of Marine Serpents. Capt. Lawson, of schr. Empire, of Snow Hill, Maryland, relates the following narrative, the circumstances of which occurred last week, between Cape Henry and Cape Charles.

Capt. Lawson was at the time in charge of the wheel, when his vessel grated upon something, which he supposed to be a wreck, from the fact that a dark looking object, resembling at first glance a rusty spar, was at the same time seen, standing erect, immediately by the side, and above the railing. Soon however, it was discovered by a moving body, with a head and mouth, which was plainly marked by a reddish color along the side or about the jaws, and the captain, with much alarm, concluded that he was really and truly, instead of going over a wreck, himself, the real "Sea Serpent."

After the schooner had passed over him, it was observed that there were two in company. The one first seen raised himself above the water some 10 or 20 feet, and exhibited a body in length as near as could be ascertained, full sixty feet. About ten feet from the head there commenced a swell as large as a barrel, covered at stated distances with nearly pointed projections, and reached in length about ten feet and then ended quite abruptly, where the body again assumed its regular form, which was, the captain thinks, about the circumference of a schooner's spar.

The full length of the serpent, or whatever it may have been, was judged to be some hundred feet, its head small in proportion to the body. The wind being light, the two were seen together, to the leeward, for full half an hour, seemingly amusing themselves by alternately raising upon the top of the water, and then sinking again beneath the surface; their heads, whenever above the water, was always observed pointing towards the east.

To this statement, substantially, Capt. Lawson as well as his hands are ready to make oath, as the opportunity presented gave them every chance to see, and make comparatively correct estimates.

CANADA FRONTIER. Trouble brewing. The accession of a military Governor in Canada has called forth expressions of regret in various quarters, and we fear this union of the military and civil government of that province will produce serious results. The last Niagara Chronicle narrates several attempts to get up a frontier agitation. Col. Kerby, collector of the customs at Fort Erie, has been fired upon in the vicinity of his residence. Two persons have been held to bail, on the American as well as the Canadian side, to take their trial for attempting to destroy the steam ferry boat which plies between Fort Erie and Black Rock. It appears that no less than five attempts have been made to destroy this vessel—two by boring holes through the bottom and three by placing large quantities of gunpowder in the fire wood.—N. Y. Sun.

A NEW COMPANY. A joint stock rumor company, it is said, is about to be established in Washington City, of which a lineal descendant of the famous Baron Munchausen is to be the President. The objects of the institution will be to collect as many as possible of the rumors which float about the national metropolis, and to spread them as soon as possible to all parts of the country. It is supposed, from some little experience already had, that it will be made a most flourishing and profitable business.

A baptism occurred in the upper part of Philadelphia county, on Sunday last, which was a little remarkable for an incident that occurred during the ceremony. The subject had been known pretty generally for his backslidings, and his conversion was hailed and commented upon with much rejoicing by the clergyman and his flock, but imagine their surprise on learning that while the sinner was receiving the ordinance of immersion, he had stolen the pastors' watch!

GERMANY AND AMERICA. The Oregon correspondence between Messrs Buchanan and Pakenham has been translated into German and published in pamphlet form in Berlin.—The opinion there is so favorable to our claim, that the title of the pamphlet is "The clear and unquestionable title of the United States to the whole of Oregon."

First RATE. The following toast, says the Trumbull Democrat, was recently given at a "darkie" celebration down South. "Alas! Kasha M. Klay—do friend ob de kullod poppylation—although he hab a wit skin, he hab also a berry brack heart, which 'tles him to do universal steam of dis 'semly."

The end of all government, says Barlow, is the happiness of the whole community; and whenever it does not secure that, it is a bad government, and it is time it was altered. That was not the whig maxim in case of Rhode Island.

By order of the Emperor of Russia, from the 1st of January no Jew will be allowed to be distinguished by any particular article of dress; they are then to assume, without exception, the usual dress of other inhabitants, or the Russian national costume.

In England, a female named Alice McQueen aged 55, and of immense property, has been put under restraint on account of insanity, which manifests itself in the belief that she lives in a coffin with a dead body!

Why are bakers the poorest men in creation? Because they knead bread.

REMARKABLE CURE OF A DANGEROUS COUGH BY THE USE OF BUCHANAN'S HUNGARIAN BALM. Messrs Ingraham & Havens, in a letter dated 4th corner, N. Y. Aug. 1844, writes: "We are entirely out of the Hungarian Balm, having sold all you sent us, in our immediate vicinity, and in justice to the medicine, must say with astonishing success. A few days since a young gentleman of this town called and wanted a bottle of Balm. We told him it was of little use for him to take that, or anything else, he must die. He however took a bottle, and afterwards had another. Yesterday he called again, very much improved in appearance, and said he was rapidly gaining strength—but had it not been for the invaluable Hungarian Balm, he must have died. We want some more of the medicine directly."

Pamphlets respecting this Great English Remedy may be had gratis of MOSES HAMMOND, only agent in Paris.

MARRIED.

In Farmington, Mr. Ephraim F. Wellman, to Miss Mary Jane Dow, both of Strong.

In Scarsmont, Mr. Albert H. Hodgman, of Camden, to Miss Elizabeth K. Dyer.

DIED.

In Woodstock, Jan. 26th, Philanthia Billings, child of Mr. John Billings, aged 5 years.

In Rumford, Ezra Smith, Esq., aged 82.

In Canton, Harb. H. Keene, aged 81.

In West Milford, Miranda, wife of Cyrus Bridgman, aged 43.

In North Yarmouth, Nehemiah Porter, aged 80.

Caution.

All persons are hereby cautioned against harboring or trusting JACOB NEWTON on my account, as I shall pay no debts of his contracting, as I have made suitable provision for said Newton at my house, in Dixfield, in pursuance with my agreement with the town of Dixfield.

PETER AUSTIN.

Dixfield, March 9, 1846.

TIMOTHY LUDDEN,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
TURNER-VILLAGE, N.

PROBATE NOTICES.

Administrator's Sale.
BY virtue of License from the Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford, will be sold at

PUBLIC AUCTION,
on the premises, on Saturday, the eleventh day of April next, at one o'clock P. M., so much of the Real Estate of the late Joseph Ricker, of Peru, in said County, deceased, as will produce the sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars, for the payment of the just debts of said deceased, charges of administration and incidental charges.

Said Real Estate consists of the Homestead containing one acre and fifteen rods, with the buildings thereon, situated in Peru. Five Pews in the Methodist Chapel in said Peru.

Also—The reversion of the Widow's Dower in said property.

SAMUEL HOLMES, Administrator.
Peru, March 3, 1846.

Guardian's Sale.
BY virtue of License from the Probate Court for the County of Oxford, the subscriber will sell at

PUBLIC AUCTION,
at the dwelling-house of Elias M. Carter, in Bethel, on Saturday, the eleventh day of April next, at one o'clock P. M., the following described property belonging to the heirs of Timothy Carter, late of Bethel in said County, deceased, for the purpose of putting out and securing the proceeds thereof on interest for the benefit of said heirs, viz:—

Two sixth parts in common and undivided of Lot numbered 32 in the Second Division of Lots in Rumford in said County, commonly called the Hall Farm.

EBENEZER EAMES, Guardian.
Bethel, March 3, 1846.

Guardian's Sale.
BY virtue of License obtained from the Probate Court for the County of Oxford I shall sell at

PUBLIC VENTURE,
on Monday, the 13th day of April next, at ten o'clock A. M., the Homestead Farm on which Cyrrus Stevens now lives in Paris, in said County, unless previously disposed of at private sale. Sale on the premises, and terms then made known.

Also—at the same time, certain Farming utensils, as plows, carts, harrows, scythes, &c. and some household furniture and cooking utensils.

THOMAS HILL, Guardian of said Stevens.
Paris, March 3, 1846.

At a Court of Probate, held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the first Tuesday of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty-six.

William Frost, 3d, Administrator of the estate of Thomas J. Everett, late of Norway, in said County, deceased, having presented his 2nd account of administration of the estate of said deceased.

It was Ordered, that the said Administrator give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the second Tuesday of April next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, and shew cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

GEO. F. EMERY, Register.
41 Copy—Attest: GEO. F. EMERY, Register.

At a Court of Probate, held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the first Tuesday of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty-six.

On the Petition of Deborah K. Hall, Widow of Elbridge G. Hall, late of Paris, in said County, deceased, praying for an allowance out of the personal estate of her late husband.

It was Ordered, that the said Petitioner give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the second Tuesday of April next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, and shew cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

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At a Court of Probate, held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the first Tuesday of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty-six.

On the Petition of John Lovett, Administrator with the Will annexed of Israel Paul, late of Livermore, in said County, deceased, praying for License to sell the whole of the Real Estate for the payment of the debts of said deceased, and incidental charges.

It was Ordered, that the said Administrator give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the second Tuesday of April next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, and shew cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

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At a Court of Probate, held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the first Tuesday of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty-six.

On the Petition of Daniel Carr, Guardian of Ezra C. Bradford, of Turner, in said County, a minor, having presented his first account of his administration of the estate of said minor.

It was Ordered, that the said Guardian give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the fourth Tuesday of May next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, and shew cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

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At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the first Tuesday of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty six.

Richard T. Livermy, Administrator of the estate of William Coffey, late of Voluntier, in said County, deceased, having presented his fourth account of administration of the estate of said deceased.

It was Ordered, that the said Administrator give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the second Tuesday of April next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, and shew cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

GEO. F. EMERY, Register.
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THE subscriber hereby gives public notice to all concerned, that he has been duly appointed and taken upon himself the trust of Administrator of the estate of

ROSWELL H. ADLEY,
late of Watford, in the County of Oxford, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs—He therefore requests all persons who are indebted to the said deceased's estate, to make immediate payment; and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to

At a Court of Probate, held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the first Tuesday of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty-six.

Farman Jewett, Administrator of the estate of Phineas Wood, late of Rumford, in said County, deceased, having presented his first account of his administration of the estate of said deceased; also his private claim against said deceased; and also the Petition of the Widow of said deceased praying that her dower may be assigned her in the Real Estate of her late husband.

It was Ordered, that the said Administrator give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at said Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the second Tuesday of April next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, and shew cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed and granted.

GEO. F. EMERY, Register.
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At a Court of Probate, held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the first Tuesday of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty-six.

William S. Allen, named Executor in a certain instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament and Codicil of Samuel A. Allen, late of Oxford, in said County, deceased, having presented the same for Probate.

It was Ordered, that the said William S. Allen give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at said Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the second Tuesday of April next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, and shew cause, if any they have, why the said instrument should not be proved, approved, and allowed as the last Will and Testament of said deceased.

GEO. F. EMERY, Register.
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At a Court of Probate, held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the first Tuesday of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty-six.

Ebenezer True, one of the persons named Executor in a certain instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Martha A. True, late of Turner, in said County, deceased, having presented the same for Probate.

It was Ordered, that the said Ebenezer True give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the second Tuesday of April next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, and shew cause, if any they have, why the said instrument should not be proved, approved, and allowed as the last Will and Testament of said deceased.

GEO. F. EMERY, Register.
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THE subscriber hereby gives public notice to all concerned, that he has been duly appointed and taken upon himself the trust of Administrator of the estate of

ASA KIMBALL,
late of Gilead, in the County of Oxford, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs—He therefore requests all persons who are indebted to the said deceased's estate, to make immediate payment; and those who have any demands thereon, to exhibit the same to

JOSEPH G. SWAN,
March 3, 1846.

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice to all concerned, that he has been duly appointed and taken upon himself the trust of Administrator of the estate of

JAMES SMALL,
late of Newry, in the County of Oxford, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs—He therefore requests all persons who are indebted to the said deceased's estate, to make immediate payment; and those who have any demands thereon, to exhibit the same to

CYRUS SMALL,
March 3, 1846.

Notice of Foreclosure.

WHEREAS, CALVIN WHITMAN, of Hebron, in the County of Oxford, yeoman, on the fourth day of March in the year eighteen hundred and forty, conveyed to Joel Barrows, then of Hebron aforesaid, in fee and in mortgage, a certain piece or parcel of land situated in Paris, in said County, being all the lands and estate described in the deed of one Sylvester Deane to said Whitman of even date with said Mortgage, and recorded in the Oxford Registry of Deeds, Book 53—page 133—and said Mortgage being recorded in said Registry, Book 53—page 137; and with reference made to said deed and Mortgage, and to the conditions therein contained, and to a certain description of the premises. And whereas, the said Barrows, on the sixth day of July, now last past, assigned and transferred his interest and right in the premises to Ozias Millett, of Leeds, in the County of Kennebec, the undersigned—i. e., the said Millett, hereby give notice, that said Whitman has neglected, and failed, to fulfil the conditions of said Mortgage, and the same has been broken, whereby I claim to have possession of said premises for and in consequence of condition broken, in order to foreclose said Mortgage, agreeably to the Statute in such case made and provided.

OZIAS MILLETT,
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June 30, 1845.

To the Honorable County Commissioners Court to be holden at Paris for and within the County of Oxford the third Tuesday of December, 1-15, by adjournment—

WE the undersigned respectfully represent to your Honors that the County road as now travelled from Andover, through Andover, North Surplis, Letter C. Surplis, and Letter B. to New Hampshire line—also the County road as travelled from or near J. J. Bragg's in Letter B. where it intersects the road from Andover to New Hampshire line, through Letter B. and Number Five, First Range, to the North line of said Surplis Farm, at the mouth of the road, and—also the road from the North line of B. lines which intersects the Cues road in Letter B.—all of said roads are out of repair and unsafe, and public good requires that they should be made good roads for carriages. We therefore request your Honors to assess a sufficient tax on said townships, viz: Andover, North Surplis, Letter C. Surplis, Letter B. Number Five First Range, as will put all of said roads in good repair for carriages, &c.

As in duty bound, &c.

JOHN LOMBARD & 5 others.
Andover, Dec. 1, 1845.

STATE OF MAINE.

Oxford, ss. Court of County Commissioners, Decem- ber Term, 1845, by adjournment

ON the foregoing Petition, the Commissioners being satisfied that the Petitioners ought to be heard touching the matter set forth in said petition, Ordered, That said Petitioners give notice thereof by causing an attested copy of said petition and of this Order of Court thereon to be published six weeks successively in the Age, printed at Augusta in the County of Kennebec, and in the Oxford Democrat, printed at said Paris, the last publication in each of said papers to be at least thirty days before the next term of this Court to be holden at Paris in and for said County, on the second Tuesday of May next, that all persons interested may then and there appear and shew cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said Petition should not be granted.

Attest: J. G. COLB, Clerk.

A true copy of said Petition and Order of Court thereon.

Attest: J. G. COLB, Clerk.

Bethel Academy.

THE Spring Term of this Institution will commence on the second Wednesday in March. It will consist of two departments, a Male and Female, and all the Branches will be taught and all the advantages which are afforded in the highest schools and seminaries of the large towns and cities. Mr. and Mrs. HARKER have been engaged as Preceptor and Preceptress, who will receive the aid of Assistants in both departments if necessary, and from their long experience in teaching, the Trustees feel assured that all reasonable expectations will be realized.

Terms per Quarter, from \$2.50 to \$3.00. French, including speaking the language, Extra, \$2. Drawing, do. \$2. Landscape and Flower painting, do. \$2. Mezzotint, do. \$1. In \$1.25, per week. Board in good families from \$1. In \$1.25, per week.

WM. FRYE, Secretary.
Bethel Feb 1-16

Treasurer's Notice.—Byron.

NOTICE is hereby given to the non-resident proprietors and owners of land and other Real Estate in the Town of Byron, County of Oxford, and State of Maine, that the Taxes assessed on the Real Estate in said Town for the year 1844, which remain unpaid, have been returned to me by William Thomas, Collector of said Town for the year 1844, and deficient highway for 1844, and the following are the sums which remain unpaid, viz:—

Andrew Brown, Agent.				Andrew Brown, Agent.			
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10	1	100 15	21	2	9	100 10	14
11	1	100 15	21	3	9	100 10	14
12	1	100 10	14	4	9	100 40	54
4	2	100 40	54	5	9	100 40	54
5	2	100 45	62	12	9	100 20	27
6	2	100 40	54	13	9	100 30	41
12	2	100 10	14	14	9	100 40	54
13	2	100 15	21	1	10	100 40	54
14	2	100 10	14	3	10	100 40	54
15	2	100 10	14	10	10	100 15	21
3	3	100 40	54	13	10	100 15	21
4	3	100 45	62	14	10	100 15	21
5	3	100 30	40	1	11	100 15	21
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6	4	100 30	40	1	15	100 10	14
7	4	100 20	27	5	16	100 40	54
8	4	100 20	27	8	16	100 20	27
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5	7	100 15	21	3	20	237 40	54
6	7	100 15	21	4	20	283 40	54
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